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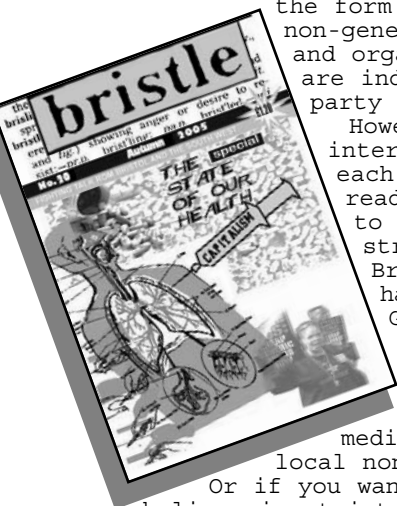
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G8 summit - bias, boot boys and blockades!

The Gleneagles summit should have been famous for its complete failure to do anything much about debt & poverty in Africa, and climate change, but the London bombs changed all that, and its ending merited merely a mention in most of the media. Surprising, but lucky for Blair, given the pre-summit media wave about Live\$ and Make Poverty History that he surfed so successfully.

Prior to the bombs, central Scotland resembled a mini police state, as 12000 cops, many from south of the border, tried to shut down protests through harassment, intimidation, and abuses of the law. They couldn't of course, and up until the 7 July, the media was full of stories & pics of bloodthirsty scantily clad anarchists & clowns taking on the tooled-up, over-dressed boot boys & girls of the UK's police forces.



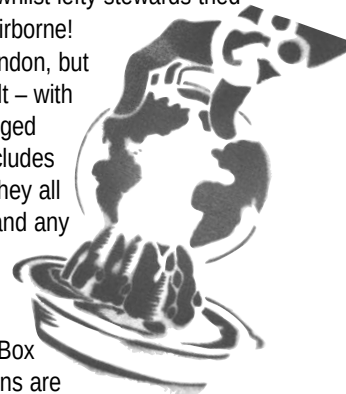
Come the 6 July, those cops were caught on the hop by the decentralised initiatives of protesters. While some left the collectively run campsite near Stirling the day before (or were never there at all) to camp out overnight in the woods by the rail & roads leading to Gleneagles; others fought their way out through police lines around 2-3am in the morning. Multiple blockades of roads and rail in central Scotland disrupted the start of the Summit, a fact buried until after the event by most of the media. Her Majesty's Pigs were none too pleased.

Meanwhile in Auchterarder, 2 miles from Gleneagles, the UK's authoritarian left were negotiating with the UK's authoritarian state to allow their little A to B march to proceed. Galloway's ego obviously won and the march proceeded, but not everyone on it had read the script, as small groups attacked the fence & the cops, whilst lefty stewards tried to hold them back. The cops response was airborne!

Protests tapered off after the bombs in London, but the massive cop presence had made itself felt - with over 700 people detained, and over 365 charged during the course of the week. That figure includes a number from Bristol & the southwest, and they all need our support in the run up to their trials and any fines/sentences.

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